
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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PAYNE, PHILLIPS, ROCK, ROSS, SAINATO, SCAVELLO, SIPTROTH,
VULAKOVICH AND YOUNGBLOOD, SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of October 18 through 24, 2010, as
2 "Juvenile Detention Centers Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's 18 secure detention centers serving
4 all 67 counties should be recognized for their ongoing
5 protection of our communities and the care of youth in their
6 custody; and

7 WHEREAS, These facilities provide 763 beds Statewide for more
8 than 10,000 admissions to juvenile detention each year in this
9 Commonwealth; and

10 WHEREAS, The existence of these facilities is key to the
11 safety and betterment of their communities; and

12 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's juvenile detention centers adhere to
13 the Balanced and Restorative Justice Model and contribute to
14 public safety by providing a stable environment for at-risk
15 youth, both preadjudicated and adjudicated, providing education

1 and programming and ensuring sufficient opportunities for growth
2 and development of Pennsylvania's youth; and

3 WHEREAS, Through the continuing efforts of the juvenile
4 courts of Pennsylvania, juvenile detention is utilized only when
5 lesser restrictive environments are not in the best interest of
6 the youth or community; and

7 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's juvenile detention centers will be
8 celebrating ten years of success, having been the first to adopt
9 the Statewide use of the Massachusetts Youth Screening
10 Instrument-Second Version (MAYSI-2) as a mental health screening
11 tool for youth entering pretrial detention, and Pennsylvania's
12 leadership has helped to establish statewide adoption of mental
13 health screening with the MAYSI-2 in 42 states; and

14 WHEREAS, Juvenile detention ensures every child's health and
15 well-being by providing competency development, self-discipline
16 and stabilization through comprehensive evaluations, both
17 physical and behavioral health, as well as community
18 involvement; and

19 WHEREAS, Hundreds of men and women are dedicated to ensuring
20 the proper care and supervision of the youth and are committed
21 to the protection of Pennsylvania's communities on a daily
22 basis; and

23 WHEREAS, Youth care workers in our detention facilities stand
24 ready on a daily basis to respond to youth who display an array
25 of unresolved mental health, behavioral, educational and
26 emotional issues; and

27 WHEREAS, The Juvenile Detention Centers Association of
28 Pennsylvania acts as the sole resource for these facilities
29 offering education, representation and support for all of the
30 important services that juvenile detention centers provide for

1 this Commonwealth's youth and communities; and

2 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania's juvenile detention centers in
3 coordination with the Juvenile Detention Centers Association of
4 Pennsylvania merit one week of recognition for their unending
5 services aimed at protecting our communities and assisting
6 Pennsylvania's youth; therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the
8 week of October 18 through 24, 2010, as "Juvenile Detention
9 Centers Week" in Pennsylvania.